

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 4, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. JONES submitted the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the papers in support of the claim of Adam Sener to a pension, beg leave to report:

That the petitioner asks to be placed on the roll of invalid pensioners, on account of disability, which he alleges is the result of injuries received while in the service of his country, in the war of 1812. Accompanying the petition is one from some thirty-five persons, claiming to be acquainted with the said Sener, who testify to his good character, his old age, his infirmities, and to his indigent circumstances. But they do not pretend to know anything of the alleged service in the war, nor do they affirm that his present disability is the effect of alleged injury received therein.

The medical testimony is of the same character; it establishes disability, and says that it results "from the weakened and painful condition of the parts injured during his service in the army of the United States;" but it does not appear that the surgeons so testifying have any knowledge of such service, except the assertions of the petitioner himself.

However worthy the case may be, the committee are not willing to establish the precedent of granting a pension where no proof of service is adduced to corroborate the assertions of the petitioner, and therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be denied.

